

I like the idea of consolidating the levels more and making morse code a requirement for the highest level.

This would allow me, a member of a communications group serving the United States in a disaster the ability to use HF amateur frequencies to make contact and carry out emergency communications.

There are many instances when CW is not used anymore for communications - rather plain voice.

I do not want to abolish the art of CW for anyone - just see no reason it should be pushed upon me if I am not going to use it.

Why punish me for not using CW, yet if I pass the exam - hurrah.

CW should be kept as another means of transmitting a message. One is not required to pass an RTTY coding test or other such test for Phone or data transmission, so why is CW so special, that it stands as either a door or blockade to other forms of voice communication.

Remove the CW element requirement and I know I will take the steps needed to move up in the ranks as high as possible. I want to serve in times of need, but do not see the usefulness of CW as much in today's vast communication's variety.

If it comes down to getting a message across - I can use a SAT phone and not rely upon local conditions; but I would rather be able to use more of the HF bands.

Respectfully submitted.